

1 hand, please? Okay.

2 Good. And then on deck  
3 should be --- can I see the hands of  
4 people on deck? Let's see, you're the  
5 next speaker, but the other names that  
6 I have called. Okay.

7 Lee Clark and Thomas  
8 Shepstone. Those two people would be  
9 on deck. Okay.

10 So the next speaker will  
11 be Vera Scroggins. Ms. Scroggins.

12 MS. SCROGGINS:

13 My name is Vera  
14 Scroggins. I'm from Susquehanna  
15 County, Pennsylvania which is a  
16 heavily fracked county since 2008.  
17 And I live there and I've been  
18 recording and documenting since 2008,  
19 all of the impacts and negative  
20 impacts to my county with videos and  
21 photography and documentation and  
22 testimony.

23 I want to say that our  
24 water has been impacted by --- dozens  
25 of water wells or aquifers were

1 impacted. So the SRBC may be studying  
2 the watershed, but for some reason  
3 it's not picking up our aquifers.  
4 It's been verified by the DEP that we  
5 have impacted storage water and that  
6 people are suffering since 2008 with  
7 water buffalos, special treatment  
8 systems to be able to have some kind  
9 of potable water.

10 And we also have dozens  
11 of non-disclosures. People are  
12 signing them from reviewing what's  
13 happened to them and --- by the gas  
14 industry. And we have over 1,000 DEP  
15 violations just in our county because  
16 of the gas industry.

17 We have 1,300 gas wells  
18 so far at least, and we have over 50  
19 compressor stations which are spewing  
20 out air contamination by the tons as  
21 well as all the truck traffic, the  
22 noise and the lights. So I want to  
23 say that we have deleterious effects  
24 from this industry. It's not a clean  
25 producing industry by any means.

1 And I'd like to say  
2 that, what about our property rights?  
3 What about our rights period, to clean  
4 air and clean water? We have a  
5 constitutional right in Pennsylvania.  
6 And also, as far as property value,  
7 some have mentioned up to 2013. If  
8 you take property value from 2013 to  
9 2017, you will see a drop in the  
10 values. And lots of property for sale  
11 is not moving at all.

12 So we also have the same  
13 poverty levels in my county that has  
14 not improved. We have more food banks  
15 than ever in my county. People  
16 needing food. And lining up in front  
17 of our churches in our county seat to  
18 get food. This is what they call  
19 prosperity.

20 We also have less than  
21 ten percent of our jobs that are  
22 connected with this industry. This  
23 industry right now is in more than  
24 fifth --- lower than fifth on the list  
25 for the jobs availability for our

1 county. And they think that they're  
2 giving us so many jobs.

3 Right now, we have over  
4 10,000 complaints with the DEP  
5 concerning water from the citizens,  
6 and the DEP with their very strict  
7 proprietors and narrow proprietors  
8 have only determined three percent  
9 that they are impacted by the gas  
10 industry. Meanwhile, almost 10,000  
11 complaints.

12 Think about the truck  
13 traffic you will have if you allow  
14 water to be removed from the basin,  
15 think about the truck traffic to bring  
16 the frack water in and then to remove  
17 clean water.

18 I'm against salt on the  
19 roads also, so I think that should be  
20 banned, too.

21 HEARING OFFICER:

22 I will stop you.

23 MS. SCROGGINS:

24 Thank you.

25 HEARING OFFICER: